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Please reject the current proposed Microsoft Settlement.

Microsoft has shown unabated behavior to strengthen, using whatever means it can get away with for as long as it can, its monopoly position in operating systems and other areas. It is broadly defining strategies, many likely illegal, to apply its enormous resources to dominate future areas: Internet access, Internet commerce, personal information management, media content and distribution, and more.

While most of Microsoft's products and services are, at best, mediocre quality with few limited innovations and fundamental advances, they are the only standard by which most people know computers today. Most people do not have any idea of "what could or should have been". This is terribly unfortunate, as many excellent ideas and technologies have been snuffed out by Microsoft's illegal practices and will continue suffer that fate.

Microsoft's continuing illegal actions since it was convicted of illegally using its monopoly position make it obvious that nothing but drastic legal action against Microsoft with massive penalties for future violations will open competition in the computer industry.

Please reject the proposed Microsoft settlement, and work on developing a way to open the industry back up to good ideas. Too much is at stake.

Thank you,

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